

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1-7 are allowable. Claims 8-9 are being amended.

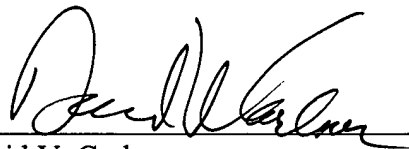
Claims 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,346,367 to Ahn et al. (hereinafter "Ahn"). In finding that claims 1-7 are allowed, the Examiner noted that "the prior art does not teach the blocking of a laser beam during the exposure of the photoresist." Claims 8-9 have been amended by adding language describing the feature of a second laser beam projecting in synchronism with blocking a first laser beam. For the foregoing reason, claims 8-9, as amended, are now allowable.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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